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Stacey Gerard
Associate Administrator
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Office of Pipeline Safety
400 7th St. SW, DPS-1
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Operator Annual Report Form [Docket No. RSPA-01-9832]

Dear Ms. Gerard:

On behalf of the members of the pipeline members of the American Petroleum Institute and the Association of Oil Pipe Lines, I am requesting an extension of 60 days to respond to the above referenced notice of proposed rulemaking. This would extend the comment deadline from September 24, 2002 to November 22, 2002.

The pipeline industry would like to make substantive and useful comments on this notice. This is the first public notice of this rulemaking. The pipeline industry needs time in order understand the type of data that is being requested for collection and whether operators are now collecting information that would meet the needs of the Office of Pipeline Safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Marty Matheson'.

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